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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Michael R. Hale et al.

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FOR : INHIBITORS OF ASPARTYL PROTEASE

Group Art Unit : 1626

Examiner : Fiona T. Powers

Mail Stop Amendment

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the May 14, 2007 Office Action, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants have petitioned currently herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a three (3) month extension of time and paid the fee set forth at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), extending the time to respond up to and including November 14, 2007. This response is thus timely filed.

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Amendments to the Claims being on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 72.